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EXPORT OF TEA UNDER FOOD FOR OIL PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Iraq proposes to import four million kilogram of tea under the food-for-oil programme from India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to bag more orders under the food-for-oil programme?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) & (b) : Iraq has been importing tea under Food-for-oil programme in accordance with the procedure prescribed by UN.However, no quantity has been fixed to be imported from India as the process is based on selection through tenders. As per information received from our Indian Embassy in Baghdad, Indian companies have been awarded contracts for supply of tea to Iraq for a total quantity of 6700 tons under phase 7 of the Food-for-oil programme.

(c) : A number of steps has been undertaken to enhance the share of Indian tea exports under this programme. These include greater participation in the Baghdad International Trade Fair, step up Indian exports through the mechanism of Indo-Iraq Joint Commission Meetings, contact through visit of Indian business delegations to Iraq etc.